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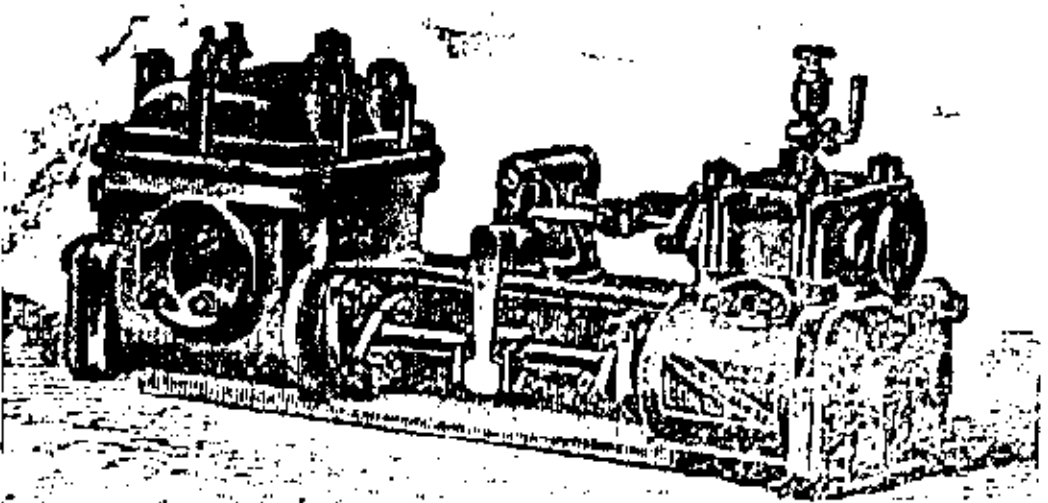
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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, July 29, 1899. 1718

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T. J. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong, July 31, 1899. 1733

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, on MONDAY, the 21st August, 1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 30th June, 1899, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may be brought forward for the Meeting. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st August, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board.

C. MOONEY, Secretary. Hongkong, July 29, 1899. 1736

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The Plague.

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon yesterday, there were 6 cases of plague and 6 deaths from that disease reported to the Sanitary Board.

Aquatic Entertainment.

H. F. Sir Henry Blake and Lady Blake are to be present at the aquatic entertainment to be given in the V.R.C. enclosure on Tuesday afternoon, the 15th inst. The team race and water polo match promise to be exciting.

The Sperry Flour Company.

We are informed by Mr. Whitley, Manager of the Company here, that the Sperry Flour Co.'s mill at Chiao, the destruction of which by fire was reported the other day, was a small one, making about 200 barrels of flour a day, which was consumed locally. The loss of this mill will in no way interfere with the supply of flour for their export trade.

Charge Against a Chinese Constable.

A Chinese constable was brought before Mr. H. Gompertz, Acting Magistrate, to-day, charged with demanding money with menace. The constable was detailed for special duty on Bowen Road on August 6, and for this purpose was armed with a revolver. He had only been in the Force since 25th May, but had somewhat exaggerated notions of his own prowess. The constable entered a matched situation a little below Bowen Road where an old Chinaman was selling mutton, and producing his revolver declared he was a constable. He took the old man's purse and taking \$1.50 out of it went away. Chief Detective Inspector Hansen was informed of the affair and on searching the defendant found the money. The Magistrate committed defendant for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

A Gallant Soldier.

There is at present on a visit to the Colony Major-General G. E. L. Sanford, C.B., C.S.I., who is renewing old associations of service in China. General Sanford, who is an Engineer, served in China in 1873, during the occupation of Canton, the expedition to the Yuiho, demolition of the forts at the mouth of the river, and the advances upon Tientsin; also in the campaign in the north of China, 1880 (medal with clasp). He was also engaged in the operations against the Taepings in 1862, including the capture of the stockades of Nanshang, the escalade of the walled cities of Kadin, Tsinpo, and Tse-ling, and the fortified town of Najow. He now serves in the Jowaki Afrik Expedition in 1873 as Assistant Quartermaster General, Peshawar District (medal with clasp), and in the same capacity served with the 1st Division in the Peshawar Valley riots from 1874 to the Afghan War of 1878-79, and was present at the capture of Ali Masjid (mentioned in despatches, Bravor of Lieut.-Colonel, medal with clasp). He served again, in command of the Royal Engineers, in the Burmese Expedition of 1885-86, for which he received the thanks of the Government of India, was mentioned in despatches, received his decoration of the Bath, and added a clasp to his Indian medal. General Sanford for a time was in command of the Meorut District.

The Opium Trade.

A representative of the China Mail called upon the Hon. R. E. Bellis respecting an impression that prevails that there has been a large slump in the sale of Indian opium in China, and a report that there was a great diminution in the number of chests shipped to Hongkong. Mr. Bellis said that the opium dealers' experiences had been quite contrary to the rumours regarding the trade. Prices were going up and the Chinese were buying very freely. Mr. Bellis confidently corroborates the statements in the following paragraph from Mr. H. M. Hillier's Customs report:—It has, however, been stated to me by a native of great experience in such matters, that the competition of the native drug in this part of China has reached its climax, and that the sale of Indian opium is likely to increase rather than diminish. The native drug is very much adulterated on its way from the place of production, the price has risen to nearly that of Patna, and the output of boiling is somewhat less. The present price of raw Yunnan opium is about 30 for 100 taels weight, and it produces about 65 per cent. of prepared opium when boiled. Patna costs less than 25 for the same quantity when raw, and its output in boiling is nearer 55 per cent. It is obvious, therefore, that the Indian opium, even at the present high price, should be able to hold its own, more especially in the vicinity of Hongkong, whence it enters China in considerable quantities without payment of duty. The Indian Government hold the opium monopoly (Patna and Benares opium) and they pay the natives so much per acre for the opium cultivated. The opium is brought to the Government factories where it is made into chests, and in this condition the opium is put up for sale at monthly auctions. Mr. Bellis showed from a return that 40,800 chests could be exported this year, and of that amount 3,400 would be sold at the August auction. Most of that opium would come to China and the Straits. A new trade had cropped up in opium with London, for which thirty or forty chests of opium the opium shippers to London were largely used in the manufacture of medicine.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

London, 10th August, 1899.
THE PRESS ON THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

The newspapers generally applaud the eloquence of the language of the Queen's speech in reference to the Transvaal. The Daily Chronicle alone charges Mr. Chamberlain with forcing a war.

THE TRANSVAAL.
The latest news from Pretoria says that it may possibly be a week before a reply relative to an enquiry will be sent.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:
On the 12th at 11.15 a.m. The barometer is rising on the China coast and in the South. The depression seems to be moving Eastwards in the N. part of the Sea of Japan, and pressure is highest over the China Sea and Pacific. Gradients slight. S. and S.E. winds on the China coast. Forecast:—light to moderate S. winds; showery.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That, until the despatches connected with the New Territory are forthcoming, it would be premature to say much more at present about this subject.

That I have repeatedly lifted a feeble voice against unnecessary secrecy, and it is only fair to wait patiently for the documents.

The Governor's speech at Taipeh contained more than he could have intended to tell either his Council or the taxpayers, but the speech was received by residents like the crumbs that fell from the gubernatorial table.

That it is satisfactory to learn the town of Saichuan is still held by the British soldiers—pending what event is not as yet quite clear.

That the population of 893,000—which bears a ridiculous comparison with some of the French claims—must, we fancy, be paid to the Hongkong Government before any further move be made.

That I have a notion Saichuan will never be given up, and if payment of the p. m. is not indemnity for Chinese officials lost faith in the British flag as an official, this might be regarded as a settlement which is fairly satisfactory.

That some comfort may be gathered by residents who have to pay for Hsinanland expenditure from the fact that H. F. the Governor has been graciously permitted to get a bath from our great hotel.

That I hear a gun was fired on the heights at a rather unfortunate time of night, when one of Mr. Duberek's typewriters was on his rounds with a bulletin as to the weather.

That really the Observatory gives residents quite enough annoyance with its signs and beams, and it is unreasonable for any one, military or civilian, to increase the annoyance.

That the last Legislative Council meeting was called for 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and at the last moment a certain number of the members were notified of a change to 4 o'clock.

That nearly half of those gentlemen who usually attend such meetings were present at 3 o'clock, and the world said it was 'bad luck' to treat members and press representatives as cavaliers.

That 'the world' was not very far wrong in this matter.

That there is a sort of notion this mistake will not occur again.

That you have, I see, been 'letting out' against the Jubilee Sub-Committee concerning delay, specially as to the lack of information given to the General Committee, and to the Subscribers, as to what has been done.

That the unofficials blame the officials, and vice versa; but this appears to give satisfaction to those who have subscribed their money and expect the much-delayed aims to be accomplished.

That it surely cannot be possible the ends and aims of an entire community are to be delayed or accomplished for two years, or more, without some explanation.

That the 'rocky corner' of Jubilee Road may be one thing, but the speedy establishment of a Hospital for Women and Children ought not to have any 'rocky corner' in the way.

That I quite agree with you, as a fairly large subscriber to the Jubilee Fund, in saying the Committee (official and unofficial) ought to go into solicitude and shew over their acts of omission and commission.

That a semi-private Hospital is about to be built, which I have little doubt will be in the working order long before the principles of the Jubilee Hospital structure have been finally settled upon.

That the next time the community comes to celebrate their love and loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty (God bless her), it would perhaps be well to do so on their own account, apart from the local Government.

That I do not say the Government are wrong about the 'rocky corner' in the Jubilee Road; but it seems pretty clear the delay about the Hospital has been brought about by an undue mixture of official and unofficial views.

That the Land Investment Company as to the rate of interest, has been a sore to the time being by Mr. Justice Wise, upon the existing law.

That most of our reasonable residents (including Mr. A. G. Wise) will doubtless freely admit that, from a common-sense point of view, the Government Assessor was quite correct as to custom.

That the only way out of the difficulty seems to me to be to have the introduction of a clause in an amending Rating Ordinance, to the effect that 'machinery' means appliances used for the purposes of trade, so as to distinguish between a life (as a substitute for a staircase) or a sewing machine, and a cotton mill.

That I see you have spoken very freely about the piracy developments, and pointed out the lessons which they give.

That you speak of asserting the natural position of Great Britain in this important matter of protecting trade, on the ground that Britons have done it for five or six decades, unaided by any other nation.

That I now hear the British Admiralty, in view of Kwangtung half a score of Sculpin, has actually decided to send the *Diadem* up to the Yangtze.

That I am afraid our sense of obligation has been either Russianized or Krugerized, as the abrogation of our duty in this respect is simply suicidal.

That the Chamber of Commerce, Navy, League, and the Chinese Association ought to combine in a strong protest against the political insanity involved in such inaction in South China.

PROPOSED ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS FOR SHANGHAI AND HONGKONG.

A Canadian exchange of the 29th May says:—

Mr. Charles Ross, who is well known in this city and also in the North-West, where he is interested in mines and the general development of the country, is now in China. Mr. Ross has been in the city for the last two months, and quite recently he made an offer to purchase the electric light plants of the municipality of Shanghai, provided they would allow the purchaser the right to establish street railways operated by electricity.

How successful Mr. Ross has been on his mission is not known here as yet. The intention is to organize a company, provide, of course, the necessary rights can be obtained, and a number of Canadian gentlemen are interested in the venture. The names of several prominent Montreal gentlemen have been named as among those who would probably back up the enterprise.

After his failure to purchase the electric light plant at Shanghai, Mr. Ross came to Hongkong, where he remained about a fortnight. During that time, we understand the subject of a low-level tramway for Hongkong was discussed by Mr. Ross with a number of influential citizens, and it is believed that a successful issue was reached. It is therefore probable that at last Hongkong will be placed on a footing of equality with the majority of modern cities by having an electric tramway service from end to end of Victoria, with possibilities of extension as the Colony continues to prosper and to spread. We are given to understand that it is in connection with this scheme—and the proposed addition to capital—that the present boom is taking place in Electric shares which have jumped from \$12½ to \$16, a month ago to \$16½, with few shares obtainable at that figure. It goes almost without saying that a low-level tramway of any description will pay in Hongkong. An electric tramway, moreover, is better suited for the narrow Hongkong streets than any other; and given facilities for reaching the outlying districts the people would leave the city more and thus obviate the surface overcrowding which is one of the greatest evils of Hongkong. The scheme should receive the cordial support of the Government, for the reason we have given that it will help to relieve the congestion of the city.

A FRENCHMAN ON THE WAPPAH.

Either the Saigon press is on the war-path or the Editor of the *Courrier* had an *opertid de trop* when he penned his rabid, idiotic, Anglo-phobic production of the 29th July. Or it may have been the effects of the 24th, and *canevels* may still have been around.

Commenting with the stereotyped *Non Bons Amis les Anglais*, who generally pride themselves on their honour and delicacy (and so we may after this), he says, they have been playing for the past few months a vile with regard to France which may be qualified by the word 'scandalous.'

The newspapers of Singapore and Hongkong are full of columns and lies. The full importance of their campaign, which has neither probity nor honour, may be imagined when we tell you that all their articles are translated and published in the Chinese journals.

There is no doubt that these articles were largely responsible for the incipient rising in Moungse against our Governor, Mr. Doumer, whilst on his last voyage. Moreover, if our enquiries tell us the truth, we can now affirm that the Chinese newspapers of Canton, where these columns and lies are repeated in profusion, have an exceedingly large circulation in the region of Yunnan-sen. Yes! we are painted as invaders, usurpers, extorsors of duties and creators of monopolies! Wherever we go we are followed by misery, falling industries, closing mines, and perishing commerce. Only English suzerainty brings prosperity. The French devils overthrow everything. The people, according to these English newspapers, have neither desire nor interest to seek French protection which is so impoverished the Annamites in Tonkin.

With England commerce is free; there are no obstructive administrators in the way.

This is what the inhabitants of Yunnan are taught through a channel so foul and unreliable as these Chinese native 'rags.' No wonder then that they saw with terror what was otherwise only a courteous visit from a high dignitary of 'La France.'

No, Messieurs les Anglais, you have first fired in the duel too often. Don't excite yourselves! Keep yourselves calm! The events in Moungse have not the importance your daily 'rags' in Singapore and Hongkong would attribute to them—a mob without object—a bluff! We French men have never acted thus. We do not deny the rôle which England plays as a commercial and civilizing nation, but let her be more modest, and remember that she is not alone in the universe. Besides her are people generous and free whose only end is trade, but who would also have their little place among the nations. Having constantly at your ears 'point the grand words' 'progress,' 'civilization,' 'humanity,' please at least to recognize that the great European family line, as well, some rights for the expansion of their children.

Later, when our grandchildren write our history, when Providence or fate has displaced the centre of the world, and changed peoples and nationalities, it will be seen how safe has been their noble trade, and who would best be the agents of civilization, of happiness and morality.

[Oh, certainly! with an accent on the word 'Morality'!] With all respect to the morality of your lies!

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CAMPIONING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

ANTONIO ESCOBAR.

An officer with the American troops, in a private letter we have seen, gives some amusing stories from the fighting line. Although the conditions under which the campaign is being conducted are sufficiently distressful to try the health and temper of men and officers alike, it is evident that some of them are still able to appreciate the humorous incidents 'when they happen along.'

Writing in the end of July, the officer in question says:—We have been having terrible rains here. The whole country is flooded, and we have been wading around in water up to our hips for two days. The American uniform is now an abdominal bandage, blue shirt, poncho (waterproof for shoulders) and shoes. I'll bet the troops here are uniformed more nearly alike than any other organisation on these islands, as ponchos, legs and hats are all that can be seen. It is getting rather serious though, for we are out of rations, and there is none nearer than X—, and all the bridges are down. The natives immediately put up the prices, so I told the men to take what they wanted, and give a fair price. But I'll have to name it, or the 'fair price' will soon be where the famous top rail of the fence was—very low down!

The night before last and yesterday the natives were out in force catching the porkers that were floating away, and my crowd of storks out with them. My men are quartered in houses, but some of the other Infantry are in shelter tents on the Plaza surrounding the church. There is 2½ feet of water there now; but some tents are raised over bamboo poles, and it is coming to be the occupants 'sitting in them, with legs curled up and smoking contentedly. Yesterday, a crowd of natives were having a gay time floating around on a raft of bamboo and banana tree stumps. When they passed my window, I saw up the cigars and gave them a bottle; and they went away calling: 'Macho bueno, o Captain!'

Some of our companies have been washed out completely. One company had a terrible time getting to X—. Two men were carried off the road and nearly drowned, losing their arms and equipment. The water is waist high, and the shocks along the bay which you know so well have been washed out to sea. It is still raining steadily, and the water goes up or down two or three feet in an hour without apparent cause.

I have turned your letter over to the others to discuss the political part. Having just written four letters Home, where they are all 'Antis' (Anti-annexationists), I've now run dry. But I want to tell you a good job at the truth! After the scrap at — and while we were waiting to find out what more we were going to do, I was above in a house, and heard a crowd of soldiers below discussing affairs. A new arrival came in with—

Lieut. Blank has just brought out fifteen days' rations, and we're to stay here until he over.

'Well,' replied another; 'he'd better bring out fifteen years' rations!'

Another said—

'Did you hear about "Bones" and his Ju-Ju (Filipino)? Well they gave 'em one to turn over to Headquarters (8 miles away). So he goes a-bikkin' down down road wid Mr Ju-Ju in front, when he spots a chicken lone and deserted under a house off the road. Well, he didn't see no use holdin' on to de nigger, an' lettin' de rooster go, when der was no doubt which was de most valuable. So he tells Mr Ju-Ju to wait till he gets back; dat he had some bizness what needs attendin' to. But de Ju-Ju he had some what needed attendin' to, so when "Bones" gets back wid de chicken der was de Ju-Ju doin' de double time across de rice paddies. So "Bones" hooks on to de first amigo (friendly) what comes hikin' along, and sez: "You're a insurrecto, and I'm shy (shy) one, so come along an' I'll put you where yer pleasant!" De old amigo kept hollerin': "No, no, signor; me mucho amigo." "Well, den," says Bones, "I'll just turn you over to yer friends; dey'll never know de dif at Headquarters." So he hikes de bloke along, hummin' "All coms look alike to me." And I guess dey are.'

'Good for old Bones,' said one; 'but he oughter winged de first one, and den lugged in de whole one.'

I have been disgusted so long with the conduct of our national affairs that I've gotten over it. Still, in a country that has made as rapid strides as the United States there are surely men competent to handle our affairs; and circumstances will bring them out. England has succeeded better because she has taken smaller bites. We are not through biting ourself yet, for Cuba is sure to come, and you can bet we will get our molars on it. Well, I'm tired, and want to read Stevens 'With Kitchener to Khartoum,' and I am more bloody tale. An revoir.

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